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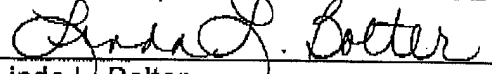
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In response to the restriction requirement in the Office action dated December 31, 2003, Applicant elects Group II claims 10 to 18, without prejudice, for further examination on the merits in this case.

Regarding the requirement for election of species, Applicant elects Species I and submits that claims 10, 11, 12, 15, and 18 are readable thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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